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Claim Amendments

Please amend claims 5 and 6 as follows:

- 1. (original) An anastomosis device comprising
 - a hollow, elongate, flexible catheter body having a proximal end and a distal end, an inflatable balloon at the distal end,
 - a drainage lumen connected to the distal end, and

tissue approximating structure on the catheter body on a proximal side of the balloon at a location to contact severed tissue during an anastomosis procedure.

- 2. (original) The device of claim 1 wherein, when the device is installed in a body having a prostate removed, with the balloon in a bladder, the tissue approximating structure is capable of contacting tissue selected from tissue of a bladder, tissue of a perineal wall, urethral tissue, and combinations of these.
- 3. (original) The device of claim 1 wherein the tissue approximating structure comprises movable elongate structure selected from a tine, a probe, a prod, and a needle.
- 4. (original) The device of claim 3 wherein the tissue approximating structure can be extended and retracted from apertures in the catheter body using an actuating mechanism that extends through a lumen along a portion of the length of the device to the proximal end.
- 5. (currently amended) The device of claim 1, further comprising

 a hollow, elongate, flexible catheter body having a proximal end and a distal end,

 an inflatable balloon at the distal end and an inflation lumen extending from the proximal end to the balloon,
- a the drainage lumen extending from a drainage aperture at the distal end to a port at the proximal end, and

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movable elongate tissue approximating structure positioned to extend through apertures in the hollow catheter body at the distal end.

6. (currently amended) The device of claim 1, further comprising

a hollow, elongate, flexible catheter body having a proximal end and a distal end,

an inflatable balloon at the distal end and an inflation lumen extending from the proximal end to the balloon,

a the drainage lumen extending from a drainage aperture at the distal end to a drainage port at the proximal end, and

distal tissue approximating structure comprising movable elongate tines positioned to extend through apertures in the hollow catheter body on the proximal side of the balloon, and

proximal tissue approximating structure comprising movable elongate tines positioned to extend through apertures in the hollow catheter body on the proximal side of the distal tissue approximating structure.

- 7. (original) The device of claim 1 wherein the tissue approximating structure comprises multiple times.
- 8. (original) The device of claim 1 wherein the tissue approximating structure comprises multiple opposing times.
- 9. (original) An anastomosis device comprising
 a hollow elongate flexible catheter body having a proximal end and a distal end,
 an inflatable balloon at the distal end and inflation means to inflate the balloon,
 drainage means connected to the distal end for draining urine from a bladder, and
 tissue approximating means on the catheter body on the proximal side of the
 balloon for holding severed tissue in contact for healing.

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10. (original) The device of claim 9 wherein the tissue approximating means are located on the distal end.

11. (original) The device of claim 9 further comprising actuating means for actuating the tissue approximating means, the actuating means connected to the tissue approximating means and extending from the tissue approximating means to the proximal end.

12. (original) The device of claim 9 wherein the tissue approximating structure is selected from the group consisting of an inflatable balloon, a movable elongate structure, and a combination thereof.

13. (original) The device of claim 9 wherein the tissue approximating structure comprises a movable tine.

14. (original) The device of claim 9 wherein, with the device positioned to place the at least a portion of the catheter body inside the urethra and the inflated balloon in the bladder, the tine can be extended to contact tissue selected from the group consisting of bladder tissue, urethral tissue, urethral stump tissue, and perineal wall tissue.

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